

HURRICANE PREPARATION RECOMENDATIONS

1. Once a hurricane develops and has the potential of threatening the community, you may want to take certain additional actions to anticipate the storm striking.

a. Keep tuned to a local radio or television station for the latest Weather Service advisories as well as special instructions from local government.

b. Check battery-powered equipment. Your battery-operated radio could be your only source of information, and flashlights will be needed if utility services are interrupted.

c. Keep your car fueled, should evacuation be necessary. Also, service stations may be inoperable after the storm strikes.

d. Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils as your town's water system may be contaminated or damaged by the storm.

e. Secure outdoor objects that might be blown away. Garbage cans, garden tools, toys, signs, porch furniture, and a number of other harmless items become deadly missiles in hurricane winds.

f. Moor your boat securely before the storm arrives, or move it to a designated safe area.

g. Store packaged foods which can be prepared without cooking and need no refrigeration.

2. During the Hurricane remain indoors. Blowing debris can injure and kill. Travel is extremely dangerous. Be especially wary of the "eye" of the hurricane. If the storm center passes directly overhead, there will be a lull in the wind lasting from a few minutes to half-an-hour or more. At the other side of the "eye" the winds will increase rapidly to hurricane force and will come from the opposite direction.

3. When the hurricane has passed:

a. Remain in shelter until informed by local authorities that it is safe to leave.

b. Keep tuned to your local radio or television station for advice and instructions from your local government on:

(1) Where to go to obtain necessary medical care in your area.

(2) Where to go for necessary emergency assistance for housing, clothing, and food.

(3) Ways to help yourself and your community recover from the emergency.

c. Stay out of disaster areas. Sightseeing interferes with essential rescue and recovery work, and may be dangerous as well.

d. Drive carefully along debris-filled streets. Roads may be undermined and may collapse under the weight of the car.

e. Avoid loose or dangling wires, and report them immediately to your power company or to the local police or fire department.

f. Report broken sewer or water mains to the water department.

g. Check refrigerated food for spoilage if power has been off during the storm.